

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 remain active in this case, and Claims 1-14 are amended.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1, 4, and 7 were objected to; and Claims 1-14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections.

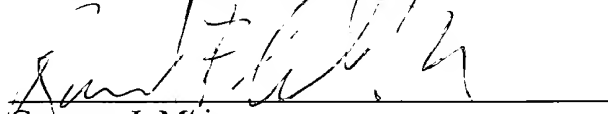
The amendments to Claims 1, 4, and 7 correct the informalities indicated in the Office Action. In addition, Claims 1-14 are amended to more clearly describe and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention, and informalities in the Abstract are corrected.

The amendments to the claims are believed to be self-evident corrections to avoid possible antecedent basis problems, to use open transitional phrases (e.g. comprises), and to replace the non-standard use of "whereby" language in the claims with "wherein." No new matter is added, and no new search is required. The Amendment is believed to be clearly directed to only matters of form and should, accordingly be entered.

As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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